

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair use of the airwaves is made possible, in some part, by my tax dollars. Like any and all other broadcasters they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. On an ongoing basis they have failed to do so by favoring their shareholders at the expense of the viewers. Here in Portland, Maine it does not appear that we receive "canned news," to the same extent as other Sinclair stations, but they are being forced to discount community sensibilities in order to foster the Sinclair owners' political objectives.

License renewal should take into account how the corporate owner has attended to his/her public responsibilities. If they have not, and Sinclair is an excellent case in point, then their renewal should not be as simple as saying please. Thank you.